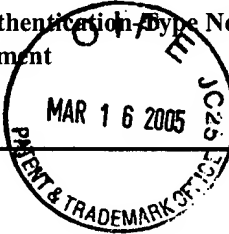
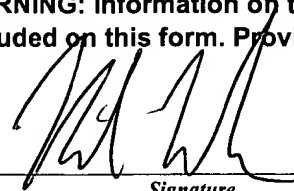


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In response to the office action mailed January 21, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows to place it in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

Listing of the Claims: begins on page 2

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